GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT OF FISH .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has recently decided to import fish and fish products;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government has assessed the impact of import over the fishries sector in the country;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The steps taken by the Government to save the domestic fish industy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)& (b): The Government has not made any change recently in the import policy of fish and fish products, except for fish lipid oil. Under the existing Foreign Trade Policy, fish covered under Chapter 3 of ITC(HS) Classifications of Export & Import Items, 2004-2009 are freely importable except live fish covered under Exim Head 0301. However, these imports are subject to the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972. Vide Notification No.07 (RE-2006)/2004-09 dated 18th May, 2006, Fish Lipid Oil (containing Eicosapentaenoic Acid (EPA) and Docosaphexaenoic Acid (DHA)) can be freely imported subject to the prescribed standards.

(c) to (e): No report of any adverse impact of imports on domestic fish industry has been received.